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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 270, a bill by Senator Hudkins. (Read title.) Bill was introduced January 5, referred to the Health Committee, discussed on the floor on February 7 after its advancement from the Health Committee. Committee amendments were adopted, as were amendments by Senators Chambers and Hudkins to the bill. The first amendment I have this morning, Mr. President, is by Senator Hudkins, AM0485. (Legislative Journal page 685.)

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, to open on your amendment to LB 270.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Now, you're all going to think that I'm slipping this amendment through because Senator Chambers isn't here. Nothing could be farther from the truth because Senator Chambers and I had, and as you are aware, quite lengthy discussions both on and off the floor. We asked him where he really was seeing this bill as going and he explained that to us; that he really wanted someone, if they had a sudden desire for a career change, one place locally or at least within Nebraska where they could go and get everything that they ever needed to know how they could qualify to be an acupuncturist, so that's basically what this amendment does. Senator Chambers was also concerned about the National Commission of Oriental Medicine. He didn't know who that was, where they were, whether they could go out of business tomorrow, so we were willing to work with him. We did say that from now on, if you are licensed to practice acupuncture in Nebraska, you will be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Medicine and Surgery, which is itself within the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health, so there is a Nebraska affiliation of where to go for all of these rules and regulations. So the amendment that you have on your computer, really the language that we are most concerned with, or not concerned with but where the meat of the amendment is, is on page 3 of the amendment and it simply gives the requirements for someone who wants to be licensed in acupuncture and those say, very quickly: you have to